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INFORMATION ON COSTA RICA RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. RESPONSES IN PARAGRAPHS A-E BELOW ARE GEARED TO
QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL, PARAGRAPH 7.

A(1). DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN
MINISTRY (THIRD RANKING IN MINISTRY) INFORMS US THAT
COSTA RICA'S PRIORITY MULTILATERAL INTEREST IN 1976, FOR WHICH
IT WILL MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT IN THE UN, ITS AGENCIES,
AND THE OAS, IS TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF
MEETINGS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD AWAY FROM THE
HEADQUARTERS OF MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS.
COSTA RICA'S RESTRICTED BUDGET FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS
ACTIVITIES AND RISING COSTS WILL NOT PERMIT COSTA RICA
EITHER TO SEND THE TYPES OF DELEGATIONS IT WOULD WISH HIW
MEETINGS HELD AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS OR, IN SOME CASES,
TO BE REPRESENTED AT ALL. (NEW YORK, WASHINGTON,
PARIS, GENEVA, LONDON, ROME, AND BRUSSELS--WHERE
COSTA RICA HAS MISSIONS--WERE MENTIONED AS THE ONLY
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FEASIBLE PLACES.) COSTA RICA WILL ESTABLISH PRIORITIES

THIS YEAR FOR AWAY-FROM-HEADQUARTERS MEETINGS, AND
WILL STICK TO THEM.

A(2). AT THIS TIME COSTA RICA PLANS NO OTHER MAJOR
INITIATIVES; GOCR WILL BE CONTENT, DIRECTOR FOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SAYS JW#IF UN DISPATCHES 10 PERCENT OF
BUSINESS ON ITS ALREADY FULL PLATE IN 31ST SESSION.

A(3). COSTA RICA WILL BE INTERESTED THIS YEAR IN
MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (COSTA RICA
HAD TWO CONSECUTIVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS, FROM 1966-70
AND FROM 1970-74). COSTA RICA ALSO WANTS TO BE A
MEMBER OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

B(1). ON ISSUES THAT INVOLVE THIRD WORLD NORTH/SOUTH
ECONOMIC MATTERS, COSTA RICA WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE
COLLECTIVE POSITIONS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES
(IN CACM RELATED ISSUES), OF ALL THE LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES (IN MATTERS THAT SELA WILL ESPOUSE), AND OF
THE GROUP OF 77 (IN GENERAL LDC ISSUES). VENEZUELA
AND MEXICO HAVE IN THE PAST EXERTED PRESSURE ON
COSTA RICA ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES. COSTA RICA DOES
NOT SEE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ITS APPROACHES
TO ISSUES IN MLOS THIS YEAR DUE TO ITS MEMBERSHIP
IN OTHER REGIONAL GROUPINGS. SELA (LATIN AMERICAN
ECONOMIC SOCIETY) MEMBERSHIP STRENGTHENS PAST
COSTA RICAN POSITIONS ON TRADE ISSUES, DIRECTOR FOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS NOTED. IF SELA STICKS TO
TRADE/DEVELOPMENT MATTERS, THERE WILL BE NO CONFLICTS
BETWEEN PAST COSTA RICAN POLICIES AND WHAT SELA
ESPOUSES. IF POLITICAL ISSUES ARE INJECTED INTO
SELA BY CUBA OR OTHER COUNTRIES, COSTA RICAN POLICY
WILL NOT BE GOVERNED BY ORGANIZATION SOLIDARITY.

B(2). COSTA RICA CAN BE COUNTED ON
TO PLAY A LEADING AND HELPFUL ROLE AMONG ARA COUNTRIES
ON ISSUES ABOUT WHICH IT HAS STRONG VIEWS ON PRINCIPLE.
THE KOREAN RESOLUTION, THE ZIONIST RESOLUTION, AND
THE PUERTO RICAN QUESTION IN THE 30TH SESSION ARE
EXAMPLES.

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C. COSTA RICAN DELEGATES TO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL
MEETINGS ARE REASONABLY WELL INSTRUCTED. COMPETENT
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, LED BY AN ACTIVE AND
INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER, FEEL THAT THEY MAINTAIN
EFFECTIVE CONTROL WHILE MEETINGS ARE IN PROGRESS.

(OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THEY DO.) ALTHOUGH THERE

MAY BE GAPS FROM TIME TO TIME, REPORTING IS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE TO MAKE INSTRUCTIONS TIMELY AND REALISTIC.

D. COSTA RICAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE VERY LITTLE IF ANY INDEPENDENT POLITICAL POWER WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL OR INSTRUCT THEM. ALSO, IN KEY MEETINGS, THE DELEGATION IS OFTEN SUPPLEMENTED BY FOREIGN OFFICE PROFESSIONALS WHO CALL THE SHOTS. COSTA RICAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE EITHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS OR EX HIGH GOCR BUREAUCRATS WHO ARE USED TO FOLLOWING ORDERS; THEY ARE SELDOM POLITICAL "EXILES" OF EITHER THE "INS" OR THE "OUTS."

E. COSTA RICA IS NORMALLY QUITE RECEPTIVE TO USG REPRESENTATION ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES: BILATERAL INTERACTION ON SUCH ISSUES IS NOT ONLY AN ACCEPTED CONCEPT, IT IS AN EXPECTED PRACTICE. COSTA RICA SELDOM SOLICITS USG SUPPORT THROUGH THE EMBASSY ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES; FROM TIME TO TIME, IT SOLICITS SUPPORT FOR COSTA RICAN CANDIDATES FOR MLOHPOSITIONS. TODMAN

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